वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता ।

(घ) जी, नहीं । उर्वरकों के उपभोक्ताओं को समान दर पर सहायता मिलती है क्योंकि उपभोक्ता कीमतें सम्पूर्ण देश में एक समान हैं और आवश्यक वस्तु अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत नियंत्रित की जाती हैं ।

(ङ) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता ।

Investment by Non-Resident Indians in Housing Sector

1708. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give permission to the Non-resident Indians to invest in the housing sector in the country;

(b) whether there are any such proposals pending with Government at present, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the pattern of investment and the type of housing reserved for NRI investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) At present, investment by Non-Resident Indians is not permited in real estate and land-based activities on commercial basis.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) *Does not arise.*

Import of Cars of various Categories

1709. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cars imported into India year-wise during the last three years separately of the following categories:—

(i) non-dutiable imports by diplomats and others;

(ii) cars with engine displacement of 1600 c.c. or below; and

(iii) cars with engine displacement more than 1600 c.c.; and

(b) what is the revenue earned by Government, year-wise during the last three years by imposition of tariffs on car imports separately for the following categories:—

(i) cars with engine displacement of 1600 c.c. or below; and

(ii) cars with engine displacement more than 1600 c.c.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exemption of Excise Duty on Electronic Hardware

1710. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government sought exemption of excise and import duties on electronic hardware used for educational purposes; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The question appears to refer to a press report in The Hindu, New Delhi Edition published on 21-9-1988 wherein it was stated that the Andhra Pradesh Government has made a request for exemption of excise and import duties